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Tropical storm drenches southern Haiti, loses steam

PORT-AU-PRINCE, haiti (AFP) - Tropical Storm Emily brought flooding to southern Haiti yesterday, but began breaking up as it hit the mountains, likely sparing hundreds of thousands huddled in tent cities from more misery.

Although the capital Port-au-Prince seemed to have escaped the brunt of the storm, officials said 300 families had been flooded in the north and heavy rains were battering the southern towns of Jacmel and Cayes.

In its latest advisory, the US National Hurricane Center said the mountains on Hispaniola island that Haiti shares with the Dominican Republic were "taking a toll on Emily" and causing it to lose strength.

But in northern Haiti buildings used to treat cholera victims were swept away, the public health ministry said, adding those who were sick

should seek treatment in hospitals.

Haiti is still recovering from the devastating 2010 quake that killed an estimated 225,000 people. The country has also been battling an outbreak of cholera, which has killed 5,506 people and infected 363,117.

Gary Shaye, Haiti director of Save the Children, warned young ones could be at particular risk from the bad weather.

About 30 tent cities have been identified as being particularly at risk, and authorities established an evacuation plan, thought it had not been yet put into effect.

"People living in unsafe housing will be the worst affected if flooding hits," said Harry Donsbach, the earthquake response director in Haiti for Christian charity group World Vision.

Siblings honored as Goodwill Ambassadors of Aruba



Mr. Benjamin Logan and Ms. Salome Logan were recently honored as Goodwill Ambassadors of Aruba. They have been vacationing here for 21 years. According to Brother and Sister from Rockaway Beach, New York, the main reason they return is Aruba's spectacular beaches and friendly people. Ms. Marouska Heyliger representing the Aruba Tourism Authority handed them their respective certificate thanking them for their appreciation for our island.

Spain markets slump, ECB fails to halt debt concerns



A man is seen walking in front of screens displaying figures at Madrid's Stock Exchange on August 4, 2011 in Madrid, Spain. Spain's debt risk premium surged anew and stocks plummeted yesterday as the European Central Bank appeared unable to halt a widening eurozone debt crisis. (AFP PHOTO)

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TUESDAY AND FRIDAY: LIVE MUSIC

Sudan threatened chopper heading for dying troops: UN

UNITED NATIONS (AFP) - Sudanese troops threatened to shoot a UN helicopter trying to evacuate Ethiopian peacekeepers fatally wounded in a landmine explosion in the disputed Abyei region, UN officials said Thursday.

UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon protested to the Sudanese government over the delay in getting the Ethiopian soldiers to hospital which some diplomats said could have cost the lives of three peacekeepers.

Four Ethiopian peacekeepers were killed in the landmine blast in the Abyei village of Mabok on Tuesday. Seven others were wounded.

UN peacekeeping chief Alain Le Roy said one of the Ethiopians died at the scene but three others died a few hours later.

The United Nations ordered a medical evacuation helicopter from a UN base at Kadugli

in the neighboring north Sudan state of South Kordofan to collect the troops. But Le Roy told reporters it was blocked for more than three hours by Sudanese troops.

"They prevented us from taking off by threatening to shoot the helicopters," Le Roy said.

Finally, the wounded troops were taken by road from Mabok to the territory's main town, also called Abyei, where they were collected by the helicopter.

UN diplomats expressed shock at the incident however. "Our information is that this cost at least one life. This is a very serious incident," said one diplomat speaking on condition of anonymity.

UN spokesman Martin Nesirky said the UN secretary general had spoken to Sudan's ambassador to the United Nations.

"The secretary general

made it abundantly clear that this was a question of saving lives and that a delay of any kind was unacceptable," Nesirky said.

The United Nations is also investigating the origin of the landmine that killed the Ethiopians, said Le Roy, a UN under secretary general. Northern Sudan is a signatory to the Ottawa treaty banning anti-personnel mines.

About 1,500 of the 4,200 Ethiopian troops that will patrol Abyei have only been in the territory for about a week.

Abyei is disputed by Sudan and South Sudan and the UN force was ordered in after the north's troops occupied the territory in May. About 100,000 civilians have fled, mainly to the south.

South Sudan declared its independence on July 9. A two decade civil war between the north and south up to 2005 left two million dead.

Guatemala hits cartels where 'it hurts the most': President Colom

GUATEMALA CITY (AFP) - Guatemala is now hitting drug traffickers "there where it hurts the most, in the wallet," President Alvaro Colom told AFP in an exclusive interview. Five weeks before presidential elections -- and after Colom's wife filed for divorce in order to stand, and was meanwhile rejected -- Colom lauded his own record in clamping down on drug gangs in the Central American nation. "In the eight years before I took power, authorities seized around 1.1 billion dollars (from drug traffickers). In the three and a half years (of my mandate), we seized al-

most 12 billion dollars in goods, drugs and cash," Colom said.

Guatemala stepped up a military clampdown on drug traffickers after 27 farm workers were found decapitated in its northern Peten department last May in a crime blamed on Mexico's Zetas drug gang.

But the government has also sought to weaken the structures of the powerful multi-national drug cartels operating on its territory.

The president pointed out the unequal nature of the battle -- 12 billion dollars represents almost two years of the state budget, he said.

Piers Morgan should answer questions on hacking: British MP

LONDON (AFP) - A senior British lawmaker Thursday called on CNN chat show host Piers Morgan to return home to answer questions about phone hacking, after new allegations involving a newspaper he used to edit.

John Whittingdale, the Conservative chairman of the parliamentary media committee which quizzed Rupert Murdoch last month over hacking, said Morgan had some "very serious questions to answer".

He was speaking after Heather Mills, the ex-wife of

Paul McCartney, claimed on a BBC TV programme that a senior journalist at the Mirror Group of newspapers admitted in 2001 to hacking her voicemail.

The BBC declined to name the journalist but said it was not Morgan, who was editor of the group's flagship Daily Mirror newspaper at the time.

However, Morgan had reportedly admitted in a 2006 newspaper column to have been played a voicemail message left by McCartney for Mills.

China arrests 2,000 in food safety crackdown

BEIJING (AFP)- China has arrested around 2,000 people and closed nearly 5,000 businesses in a major crackdown on illegal food additives, the government said, after a wave of contamination scares.

China launched the campaign in April following a spate of tainted food scandals -- included pork found on the market so loaded with bacteria that it reportedly glowed in the dark.

Nearly six million food businesses have now been investigated and more than 4,900 shut down for "illegal practices", the government's Food Safety Commission said in a statement.

Police have also destroyed "underground" food production and storage sites, and ar-

rested around 2,000 suspects, it said, adding that anyone found breaking the law would be severely punished.

China pledged to clean up its food industry after milk products tainted with the industrial chemical melamine -- added to give the appearance of high protein content -- killed at least six babies and sickened 300,000 in 2008.

In 2009 the country passed a food safety law to try to allay public concern.

But authorities have continued to discover bean sprouts laced with cancer-causing nitrates, steamed buns with banned chemical preservatives, and rice laced with heavy metals, prompting the latest crackdown.

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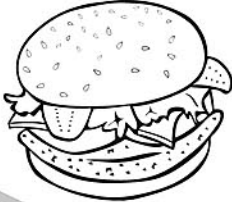
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How do we measure our unemployment index?

ORANJESTAD -- Next week Minister Otmar Oduber will be meeting with different institutions to come up with a unified formula for stipulating Aruba's unemployment index. He intends to meet with Central Bank, the Office of Statistics, Department of Labor and the new Department for Labor Progress. The objective will be to define for the future how we are to deal with the processing of data regarding unemployment on Aruba.

Apparently, Central Bank expects Aruba's unemploy-

ment to be around 10%, whereas the Office of Statistics sets unemployment at a much lower index. In respect to the recently held job registration by DPL, the Minister feels that we most definitely have to define what is unemployment for Aruba.

The International Labor Organization (ILO) has a definition of unemployment and we must decide if we are going to apply that definition to those unemployed or to those unemployed who are seeking work. The two definitions are totally

different, because one person may be unemployed and is not seeking work, and the other may be unemployed who is seeking a job.

When we can agree on a definition that we will use, every institution giving information regarding unemployment must base themselves on the reality of the current labor force on Aruba. The unemployment index will then be based on a unified perspective and not on many different factors according to each institution's own private perspective.

Road reconstruction at Caya Ernesto Petronia

ORANJESTAD -- The Department of Public Works -- DOW -- informs the public and motorists in particular that on Monday, August 8, the department will commence reconstruction of the Caya Ernesto Petronia, from # 24 up to the ditch adjacent to Topcar. The road will be closed from 8:00

AM until 12 noon with barricades and traffic signs to alert motorists. The reconstruction work will last 5 hours.

DOW advises all motorists and business owners to take good notice of this and apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause.

With the new Department for Labor Progress Aruba wins

The method used for securing staff for the new DPL (Department for Labor Progress) was a novum for Aruba and had never been used previously. All employees were pooled from within the government. From within the government they selected the best persons to become part of this new Department.

According to the Minister, it was important to select the very best people to be able to focus on giving optimal service to our community. Minister Oduber, in charge of the new DPL department as Minister of Labor, added that his approach also coincides with the Core Tasks Analysis program. Oduber indicated that... "am convinced that Aruba will be the winner in what we have created here." As the DPL slogan says... "together moving forward," everyone together in a triangle: government, employer and job seekers. Together we can move forward to the point where we can declare accurately that unemployment in Aruba is at a minimum.

From now on, DPL will be much more accessible to the community. Their employees will be very proactive. This



Minister Otmar Oduber

means that they will not be sitting in an office waiting for people to come to them. They will go out and make contact with employers; they will keep close ties with the Human Resources people from the various companies. They will be inviting companies to join forces with them so they can be kept abreast of vacancies that may arise.

This new department, according to Oduber will be more proactive and will be approaching you in the labor force to help when someone is looking for work or looking for someone to employ.

Fitch Affirms Aruba Airport Authority N.V. \$32MM Revenue Bonds at 'BBB'

By Fitch Ratings press release

NEW YORK-- Fitch Ratings has affirmed the 'BBB' rating on \$32 million outstanding airport revenue bonds for Aruba Airport Authority N.V. The Rating Outlook is Stable.

Key Rating Drivers:

--Sustained traffic performance: The airport has a steady enplanement record since 2004. The tourism sector in Aruba has proved to be resilient against external and domestic shocks in recent years;

--Strong global operator: Aruba Airport has in place a strategic management agreement with Schiphol (leading global airport operator);

--Tariff-setting flexibility: The Airport Authority is able to independently modify tariffs with respect to any service or facility, in order to attain a minimum of 1.35 times (x) debt service coverage ratio (DSCR);

--Sound diversification: No more than 17% of total commercial traffic is enplaned by a single carrier. The largest three airlines, combined, are responsible for nearly 39% of the overall passenger traffic;

--Adequate funding of cap-

ital plan: Medium-term capital requirements can be fully financed with operating cash flows and restricted cash balances. Capital improvement plan is internally-funded with no near-term future issuance projected;

--Moderate leverage: The level of leverages provides adequate flexibility to the financial profile;

--Significant market dependency: Total passenger traffic is highly dependent on the tourism industry.

What Could Trigger a Rating Action?

--Revenue contraction from a severe reduction in passenger traffic;

--Operating expenses and Major Maintenance significantly higher than projected.

Security

The bonds are secured by all revenues collected or received by the company in connection with the services and facilities furnished by the Airport.

Credit Update

The airport maintains an adequate traffic performance to service debt at 2.01x. Total passenger traffic grew by 3.0% over 2009, surpassed 1.9 mil-

lion and reached a record-high. Enplanements grew at a compounded annual growth rate (CAGR) of 2.3% during the past five years. The steady growth over the last years reflects the consolidation of the airport as a mature asset. Fitch expects traffic performance to continue modest growth patterns.

The Airport Authority renegotiated the strategic agreement with Schiphol International B.V. in 2010 to extend the contract until 2015. Schiphol's operating capabilities play an important role in maintaining and operating Queen Beatrix International Airport's facilities and services adequately. The strategic partnership has resulted in cost-savings and improved operations.

Fitch considers the ability to independently modify passenger fees and tariffs as a credit positive. Rate setting flexibility largely mitigates revenue risk and offsets sudden contractions in passenger traffic. Current passenger facility charges (PFC) stand at US\$23.50, aligned with other major tourist destinations in the Caribbean.

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Check out Aruba's Wild Side Philip's Animal Garden now offers daily interactive tours



Philip's Animal Garden, located at Alto Vista 116, is now hosting daily interactive tours, offering visitors an up close and personal experience with over 45 species of exotic animals from around the world.

The animal sanctuary and rehabilitation center is a great example of a hobby that has grown into a full-time job. Its owner, Philip Merryweather, has always had a love for animals, especially exotic ones. Despite his parents' reluctance to bring strange animals into the house, Philip adopted an Aruban Garden Snake as his first pet. When he was 12 he moved on to a bigger snake, taking care of a Boa Constrictor that he received

as a gift from a friend. Since then his collection of pets has grown to include many abused and abandoned animals that Philip has adopted and nursed back to health. His menagerie now counts over 45 exotic breeds, including several exotic birds, a Capuchin Monkey, Nigerian Dwarf Goat, Burmese Python, Alpaca, Pot-Bellied Pigs, Ocelot, Caiman and many more animals that depend on Philip for their care.

Philip's days are completely devoted to the maintenance of the habitat and the care of his animals. Since 2004, Philip has been using his own resources to fund the garden, supplemented by special bi-annual events that are

a big hit on the island. In 2009, a non-profit organization called Philip's Pet Collection was created to oversee operations of the animal garden. Philip's plans are to continue to expand his habitat and rehabilitation center and create a world-class sanctuary with round the clock veterinary care.

To help further improve and expand the facilities and care given to the animals, Philip's Animal Garden is now offering daily tours, where visitors are invited to see, touch and even feed some of the garden's exotic inhabitants. The interactive and educational tours are offered every half hour between 9am to 5pm, seven



days a week. Visitors can also buy souvenir bags of food that they can feed to the animals during the tour. The tours are available for \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids up to

10 years old.

For more information, check out www.philipsanimalgarden.com, or visit Philip's Animal Garden at Alto Vista 116 for a tour.

Mr. and Mrs. Conti honored as Distinguished Visitors of Aruba



Recently, Mr. Salvatore and Mrs. Jeannette Conti were honored as Distinguished Visitors of Aruba for their 11th consecutive year vacationing here. The symbolic honorary title was presented to them in the name of the Minister of Tourism as a token of appreciation for their love and loyalty to Aruba. During a small ceremony Aruba Tourism Authority representative Ms. Marouska Heyliger presented Mr. and Mrs. Conti with a plaque thanking them for their many visits here. Also present was Ruella Arends of the Riu and Henry Dubero, a good friend of the Contis.

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Amy Winehouse duet with Tony Bennett going to charity

LOS ANGELES - A duet between jazz great Tony Bennett and the late singer Amy Winehouse is being released as a single to benefit a charity established by her father, Bennett's spokeswoman said on Wednesday.

The classic pop standard "Body and Soul" that Winehouse recorded with Bennett in March is one of her last works. She died unexpectedly at age 27 on July 23, after a long battle with alcohol and drugs.

"Divi Resorts Celebrating their 2nd Quarter for the year 2011"



On Friday, July 29, the Human Resources department organized their General Meeting for the second quarter of the year honoring their employees of the Divi Resorts Chain of Hotels who were nominated for employee and supervisor of the quarter and for the employees celebrating their anniversaries with the different companies.

The nominees for employee of the 2nd quarter for Divi/Dutch Village were: Shirley Lobo from F&B, Matilda Flanegin from Housekeeping, Franklin Ras from Engineering and Noel Villegas from Front Office. The winner was Ulrich Etienne from Land-

scaping.

The nominees for employee of the 2nd quarter for Divi Golf were: Maureen Blokhuis from F&B Mulligans, Gerald Chirino from Kitchen, Reynante Olivar from F&B Windows and Maria Reyes from Landscaping. The winner was Elver Brunal from Outside Operations.

The nominees for employee of the 2nd quarter for Divi & Tamarijn were: Ana Maria Wernet from Housekeeping Divi, Leslie James from Divi Engineering, Vivian Dania from Activities and Miguel Donato from Divi Landscaping. The winner was Lilia Geerman from Night Auditor Divi.

The nominee for supervisor of the 2nd quarter was: Dwayne Morrison from Landscaping and the winner was Steve Bayne from Activities.

The employees celebrating their 5th anniversary with the different companies were: Felix Maduro from Bar Tamarijn, David Vega from Accounting, Chenet Ulysse from Housekeeping Tamarijn, Edwin Lampe from Bar Tamarijn, Esnit Pacheco from Housekeeping Divi Village, Aquilina Cabrera from Housekeeping Divi Village, Marie France Ras from Housekeeping Divi/Dutch, Carlos Kelly from Front Divi/Dutch, Marleny Vroegindeweij from F&B

Golf, Susenne Tromp from F&B Golf, Wendy Brooks from F&B Golf, Maria Villsis from Kitchen Golf, Sabrina Kock from Kitchen Golf, Margarita Dirksz from Kitchen Golf, Soilo Sanchez from Kitchen Golf and Kenneth Gilkes from Sales Dal Time.

The employees celebrating their 10th anniversary with the company were: Giovanna Werleman from F&B Divi and Nardat Persaud from Divi Engineering.

The employees celebrating their 15th anniversary with the different companies were: Shafeek Karmoeiddien from Divi Engineering and Rudolfo Cortes from In House Sales

from Dal Time.

The employees celebrating their 25th anniversary with the company were: Lidia Geerman from Accounting and Raymond Nicolaas from F&B Divi.

Celebrating his 35th anniversary with the company was: Gerrit Griffith the General Manager of Divi/Dutch Village.

And celebrating his amazing 40th anniversary with the company was: Nick Nicolaas from F&B Divi y Tamarijn.

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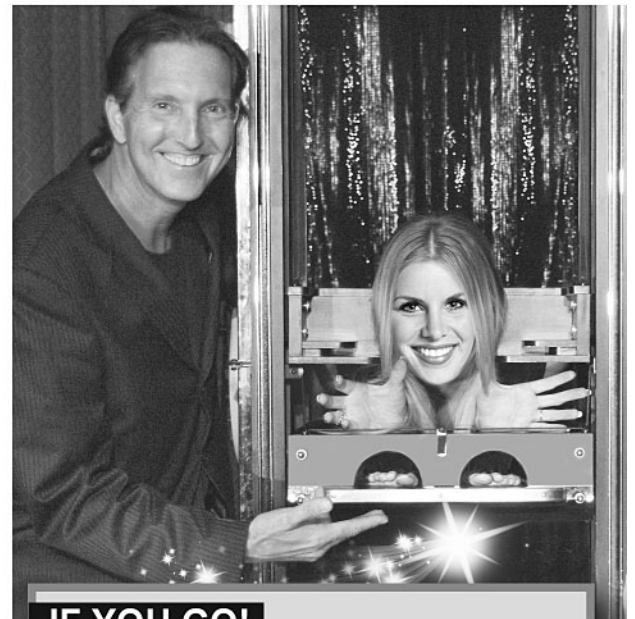
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Britons addicted to their 'CrackBerries'

BRITAIN (AFP) -- Many Britons are welded to their smartphones 24 hours a day and refuse to turn them off in cinemas and theatres, according to a study Thursday showing how the devices are changing social behaviour.

Research for telecommunications watchdog Ofcom showed that more than a third of adults and a majority of teenagers say they are highly addicted to devices such as the iPhone and BlackBerry, often referred to as 'CrackBerry' by users for this reason.

Users are more likely than owners of standard mobile

phones to never switch them off, and are more inclined to continue sending email or text messages even when at the cinema or the theatre.

They are also more likely to be hunched over their phones during social occasions such as meals with friends, the research showed.

Solved: Why Some People Don't Have Fingerprints

A rare gene mutation may be the reason that some people are born without fingerprints, a new study finds.

The fingerprint-free disorder is informally known as "immigration delay disease," because some countries require fingerprinting for entry. The scientific name, however, is adermatoglyphia. (Scientists call the tiny, unique ridges on our fingers and toes dermatoglyphs.)

In most people, fingerprints form in the womb, just 24 weeks into gestation. But in at least four families around the world, fingers are print-free. This might seem like a ticket to a life of consequence-free crime, but in

fact, adermatoglyphia often comes with unpleasant side effects, including skin blistering and facial cysts.

And people who had bought a smartphone reported they had cut back on activities such as reading books and newspapers and watching TV.

Smartphones also encourage users to make more calls and send more text messages than regular mobile phone owners.

Researchers at Tel Aviv Sourasky Medical Center tested a Swiss family affected by adermatoglyphia, comparing the genomes of the nine family members without fingerprints with the seven family members with prints.

They traced the disorder to a gene mutation on chromosome 4. (Humans have 46 chromosomes in all, which come in 23 pairs, one half of each pair from the mother and the other half from the father.) The gene, SMARCAD1, controls a number of other development-related genes.

PlayStation Vita to miss Christmas in US, Europe

JAPAN (AFP) -- Sony's upcoming PlayStation Vita game console will not hit shops in North America and Europe until after the key Christmas holiday shopping season, the Japanese company said Thursday.

It will go on sale by the end of this year in Japan, followed by releases in the US and European markets in early 2012 said Kazuo Hirai, executive vice president.

"Our plan right now is to launch in Japan by the end of the year, and then in North America and European markets early in the new year," Hirai told reporters in Tokyo.

Hirai, said he was unfazed by Nintendo's recent decision to cut the price of its 3DS game console by nearly 40 percent due to its weak sales performance, stressing that Vita contains attractive features for buyers.

Both Sony's PlayStation and Nintendo are under increasing pressure from smartphones and tablets such as Apple's iPhone and iPad, onto which cheap or even

free games can be quickly downloaded and played.

The PS Vita features a five-inch (12.7 cm) multi-touch OLED (organic light emitting diode) screen with a pad on the back for "touch, grab, trace, push and pull" finger motions. The handset also had front and rear facing cameras.

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Health Tip: Scientists a step closer to Hepatitis C vaccine

PARIS (AFP) -European scientists have successfully tested in animals a vaccine for Hepatitis C, a debilitating viral disease that can cause liver failure and cancer, according to a study released this week.

Currently, there is no human vaccine for Hepatitis C, which is spread through contaminated blood and kills some 350,000 people worldwide each year, according to the World Health Organisation.

Between 130 and 170 million people are thought to be infected with chronic forms of the disease.

A team led by French researcher David Klatzmann of the Universite Pierre et Marie Curie in Paris used so-called "virus-like particles" to create the vaccine, which was tested on mice and monkeys.

Virus-like particles provoke an immune reaction, helping the body to develop resistance, but do not contain any genetic material that would allow a "virus" to multiply.

This technique has already been used in other vaccines, notably for the human papillomavirus, another cancer-causing agent.

The new vaccine, developed in partnership with French start-up Epixis, worked against several different variants of the Hepatitis C virus, offering hope that it would also beat back mutations as they occurred.

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Chronic Pot Smoking Affects Brain Chemistry, Scans Show

-- Imaging scans show that chronic daily use of marijuana can have a detrimental effect on the brain, according to a new report.

In the study, researchers revealed that chronic use of the drug caused a decrease in the number of receptors involved in a wide array of important mental and bodily functions, including concentration, movement coordina-

tion, pleasure, pain tolerance, memory and appetite.

Marijuana, also known as cannabis, is abused more than any other illegal drug in America, according to the U.S. National Institute on Drug Abuse. When smoked or ingested, the drug's psychoactive chemical binds to numerous cannabinoid receptors in the brain and throughout the body, which influence

a range of mental states and actions. One of two known types of cannabinoid receptors, called CB1, is involved primarily in the central nervous system.

In conducting the study, researchers compared the brains of 30 chronic daily marijuana smokers to non-smokers over the course of roughly four weeks. Using molecular imaging, re-

searchers were able to visualize changes in the participants' brains and found the cannabinoid CB1 receptors of the smokers had decreased by roughly 20 percent compared to the otherwise healthy people with limited lifetime exposure to marijuana.

The researchers re-scanned 14 of the smokers after one month of abstinence and found a notable increase

in receptor activity in areas that were deficient at the beginning of the study. These findings, the investigators concluded, suggest the adverse effects of chronic marijuana use are reversible.

Because this study was presented at a medical meeting, the data and conclusions should be viewed as preliminary until published in a peer-reviewed journal.



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Kiki with Lorenzo and Eloy

Cas Animal Foundation is Aruba's single no-kill shelter, which is contained in the home of Kiki Arndt, who began saving and rehabilitating abandoned and abused dogs and cats 14 years ago, when she first arrived on the island. It is an uphill battle of soliciting sponsorship for medical care and feeding for the 80+ dogs and 30+ cats she shelters, as well as raising the funds to build the proper facility that is her dream. Fortunately, she has growing support among a number of animal lovers in the community, and the recurring pleasant surprise of an island visitor who shares her views on animal neglect and abuse and so assists the foundation.

Two locals residents Kiki wishes to acknowledge are Lorenzo van der Linde and Eloy Freitas, owners of Ochum New Age Center in Tanki Leendert. The two friends live in a complex which does not allow pets, so they sublimate their desire for an animal companion by financing the care of injured strays they see on the street or a dog or cat they spy in someone's yard; sometimes

the owners do not have the spare cash to pay for the medical care needed because of a hit and run accident or some other circumstance.

Tyson is one of those they have helped Kiki bring back to health and return to loving homes. Young dogs are energetic, social creatures, such as Tyson, who is recovering from being attacked, and Kiki believes very likely was tied up with a choke chain because he was always getting out of

his master's yard, resulting in a deep wound all around his neck, exposing bone. When

Lorenzo and Eloy found Tyson, parts of the injury were already necrotic, so they called Kiki, and it has been a long process of nearly daily visits to Natalie Booi's Animal Care Clinic in Paradera to change the bandage and apply medication until he finally began to mend, the dead tissue fell away, and thankfully, gangrene was avoided. The area around his neck will always be weakened, and he will never be able to wear a collar again. Eloy and Lorenzo paid for this protracted treatment, and he is now ready to be returned to his home, where his owner has taken steps to protect him without tying him up.

The assistance of Lorenzo and Eloy is not nearly enough to heal all the injured animals brought to Kiki's attention and

placed under her care. The smallest donation assists in her efforts to help them raise the funds she needs to build a proper animal shelter on land she has already been awarded by the government for this purpose; these can be made by calling her at: 565-2130 or 742-8732, where she can also be reached to report a stray or injured dog. She maintains an Animal Ambulance just for this purpose.

Kiki also encourages island visitors to adopt one of her dogs or cats; or perhaps one of Aruba's loyal and loving cunucu dogs they have befriended on the beach or streets. She will walk you through the simple process of transporting it back home. Her expenses for feeding all the animals she has taken in are as-



Tyson is healing, but can never wear a collar again

tronomical, as well as her veterinary bills, and donations can be made by paying on her account at the Contreras Clinics in Shaba or Savaneta, as well as directly to the bank account of Cas Animal Foundation, CMB Bank account # 25762110.

Our continuing series and her progress can be followed on the Cas Animal Facebook page.

by Rosalie Klein

Don't miss the opportunity to register for the upcoming SETAR Gaming Event 2011

During Ling & Sons Kids Fest



SEROE BLANCO – This Sunday, August 7, SETAR N.V. will be present at Ling & Sons Kids Fest. Everyone interested in participating in SETAR's Gaming Event this coming September are advised to pass by and register.

During the Kids Fest youngsters can play a variety of games on Wii, Xbox Kinect and also computer kid games, but the focus is to register for the SETAR Gaming event 2011 competition.

The main competition will be played on Xbox 360 and PC with principal game "Call of Duty Black Ops." Competitors must form a squad comprised of 4 players to compete on a PC or Console, depend on their choice; they cannot play on both at the same time. Inscription fee is Afls. 20 and kids under 18 must have their parents present to sign the regis-

tration form. Participants wishing to be in the BYOC (Bring your own PC or Console) section can also register; fee is only Afls.10. Participants of the BYOC section must bring their own computer or gaming console (Xbox, PS3 or Wii) in order to play and compete with each other. During last year, the BYOC section proved very popular with the kids enjoying themselves immensely.

Seatings for the main competition are limited; SETAR will only accept 16 PC squads and 16 Console squads, depending on the demand.

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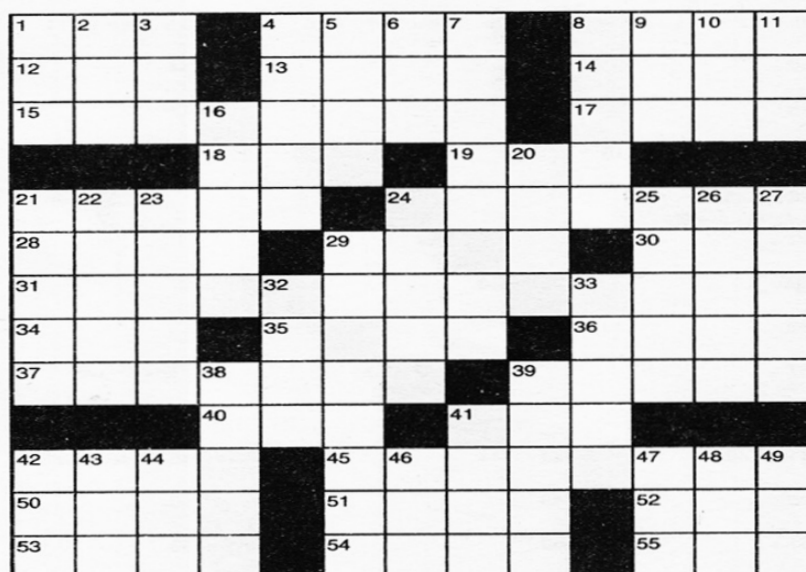
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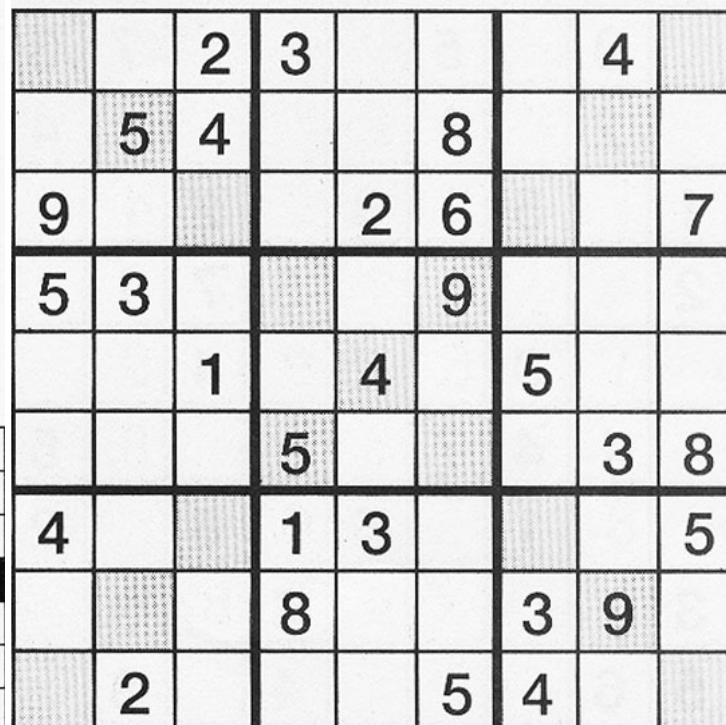
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Finance

US stocks plunge in worst day since crisis

NEW YORK (AFP) - The Dow Jones Industrial Average plunged 4.3 percent Thursday, its worst one-day drop since the financial crisis, as global markets melted down over fears of a new economic downturn.

The Dow closed down 512.76 points to 11,383.68. The broader S&P 500 lost 4.8 percent to 1,200.07, while the tech-heavy Nasdaq Composite plunged 5.1 percent to 2,556.39.

More turmoil over sovereign debt problems in Europe and feeble US economic data are stoking "fear that the economy is heading for a double-dip recession," said Peter Cardillo of Rockwell Global Capital.

The last time that the Dow fell as many points in a single day was in October 2008, during the nadir of the global financial crisis.

All three indices are now well below the level at which they began 2011.

"We're seeing the erosion and now the loss of confidence, confidence in the economy, confidence in the market, confidence in the policy makers. It's all showing up," said Hugh Johnson, of Hugh Johnson Advisors.

Markets worldwide were on edge over fiscal weakness in Italy and Spain and the eurozone's ability to contain more crisis, as the two countries' borrowing costs surged in recent days.

Meanwhile the US Labor Department reported that weekly claims for unemployment

benefits remained at a high 400,000 last week, as business and government layoffs persisted while new job creation remained sluggish.

All of the Dow's 30 blue-chip stocks were hit by the sell-off, but losses were most pronounced in basic materials, energy and financial companies, as well as large industrial conglomerates.

Aluminum giant Alcoa was the Dow's hardest-hit stock, plunging 9.3 percent

for the day. Bank of America fell 7.4 percent, while Caterpillar dropped 7.0 percent. Aircraft manufacturer Boeing was down 6.3 percent.

Stock markets have shrugged off a largely positive series of company earnings reports.

GM was down 4.3 percent for the day even after reporting that its quarterly profit surged 89 percent to a better-than-expected \$2.5 billion.

US food giant Kraft to split in two

NEW YORK (AFP) - Kraft Foods said on Thursday it will split in two, spinning off one company to target fast-growing emerging markets with its global snacks portfolio and another to focus on its US grocery business.

The announcement came after the global food giant made a series of major acquisitions in recent years, notably its takeover of storied British

confectionery firm Cadbury.

"We have built two strong, but distinct, portfolios," Kraft chairman and chief executive Irene Rosenfeld said in a statement announcing the split.

A review by Kraft's board and senior management "has shown that these two businesses would now benefit from being run independently of each other," the company said.

Dutch bank ING profits jump despite Greek debt costs

THE HAGUE (AFP) - Dutch banker ING said Thursday its net profit jumped 24 percent in the second quarter, despite provisions of 310 million euros related to the Greek debt rescue package.

ING said that it set aside 187 million euros for its banking operations and 123 million euros at its insurance arm to cover losses -- put at 21 percent in the July accord -- on its holdings of Greek 10-year government bonds.

The new Greek rescue plan, unveiled at an emergency eurozone summit in Brussels on July 21, will see some 159 billion euros in contributions by the IMF, Europe and private lenders to Athens, such as banks, insurance companies and pension funds.

ING said its insurance arm improved particularly in the

second quarter, with operating profit rising to 690 million euros from 378 million euros in the three months to June 2010.

It said that despite paying three billion euros to the Dutch state in early May, following a loan during the 2008 global financial meltdown "it maintained strong capital buffers.

This included an agreement to sell US-based ING Direct to Capital One as part of requirements imposed by the European Commission in exchange for the government loan.

ING accepted a 10-billion-euro (\$14.2 billion) cash injection from the Dutch government in October 2008 as financial markets reeled from the Lehman Brothers bankruptcy.

IMF chief Lagarde faces France finance crime probe



PARIS (AFP) - A French court gave the green light Thursday for an embezzlement investigation targeting new International Monetary Fund chief

Christine Lagarde, in a case her lawyer branded as politically motivated.

Lagarde, who took up her new post last month, has denied any wrongdoing or illegality in a case which resulted in a big compensation payment for a private businessman out of public funds in 2008 when she was France's finance minister.

The IMF's executive board immediately expressed confidence in the 55-year-old, whose immediate predecessor at the organisation, Dominique Strauss-Kahn, was forced to resign after he was accused of attempted rape.

Gerard Palisse, the presiding judge at the Court of Justice of the Republic, said the tribunal had approved "a judicial inquiry concerning Mrs Lagarde," in which magistrates will investigate her role in settling the financial dispute.

Such an inquiry can lead to criminal charges, in this case punishable by up to 10 years in prison and a fine of 150,000 euros (\$212,000).

State prosecutors in a statement detailed the charges as "embezzlement of public funds" and "complicity" in falsifying documents, and said prosecutor Cecile Petit would formally request the probe "in the coming days".

Lagarde's lawyer Yves Repiquet said the second charge was related to changes made to legal documents which affected the outcome of the contested financial settlement, and that both charges were unfounded.

The IMF is the global lender of last resort with a key role in calming the effects of the financial crisis on public finances in Europe.

YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer

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Savoring the sight of a spectacular Aruban sunset and the tiered layout of the eatery also makes it the ideal spot for marking a special occasion, such as an anniversary or a marriage proposal, as well as a perfect venue for weddings or a celebratory party. An extensive and diverse menu and wine list allows those planning a special festivity will be able to devise a memorable event and management is ready and willing to help you stay within your budget.

Many have taken note of this singular location as the place to go for that memorable romantic meal, and their reservation staff reports a waiting list for the rail tables that offer the best unobstructed view,



Osso Buco with Risotto

recommending reservations well in advance if this is important to you.

The restaurant is now open from early in the day for refreshments, and is the perfect lunch stop while touring, serving from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM, after which visitors can enjoy a light snack from their Pizza Mini Menu until 6:00 PM when they officially open for dinner, until 11:00 PM.

All these aspects of charming surroundings, dining al fresco with a breathtaking view (or in their enclosed air-conditioned dining room, if you prefer) and fine food makes La Trattoria El Faro the single dining experience that must not be missed before departing Aruba. Reservations can be made by calling 586-0786 or 586-0787, or via e-mail link at their website, www.aruba-latrattoria.com, where you can peruse their latest menu, as Chef Alberto is always devising some tasty new specialty to take advantage of what is fresh for the season.

Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

Managers of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, report that sales are picking up nicely as the global economy begins to recover and those with a bit of disposal income are looking to invest in a sure thing. Gold Coast Directing Manager Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners are barely using the villas or town homes they purchase, but taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their 'home away from home' in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with



town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional pools decks, one of which has been open for a year, the other will be ready for the holidays 2010. They expect the clubhouse to be ready for the community with a workout room and spectacular facilities by the end of 2011. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only

construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options for clients, so buyers can individualize their homes. An elegant and chic standard package is available, or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property; not the least is the future value of the investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast managers have inaugurated a number of in-house services and are now negotiating with Interval International to provide a huge international pool for investors to tap for renters either short or long term. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination will also be available. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, babysitting and catering services are also available for community members as well as airport pick-up and drop-off and pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can all be arranged through their home management de-

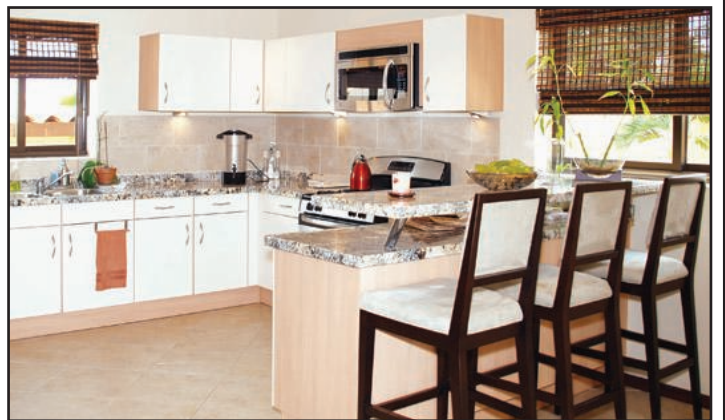


the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community; in this area, the value of properties has only increased over time. It is minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway; we are very pleased by the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy run Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project; the scope and amenities. We talked to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who dreamed of their own home in Aruba will eventually be a community of 260

a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the management association's rental service. There is always a great demand for Aruba and facilities such as those at Gold Coast, making it easy for some owners to earn their mortgage payments or others to see an



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Oprah to receive Oscars humanitarian award



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LOS ANGELES (AFP) - US talk show queen Oprah Winfrey is to be honored with an Oscars statuette later this year for her outstanding humanitarian work, Academy Awards officials said Wednesday.

The 57-year-old television megastar -- nominated for a best supporting actress Oscar 25 years ago

for her work in "The Color Purple" -- is to receive the Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award at a dinner in November, officials said.

The award has been given out intermittently by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences since 1956. Previous recipients include Bob Hope, Gregory Peck, Audrey Hepburn, Elizabeth Taylor, Paul Newman and Jerry Lewis.

The Academy said that since her Oscar nomination in 1986, Winfrey had become "one of the most influential figures in entertainment and philanthropy."

"She has been especially dedicated to supporting educational initiatives and raising awareness of issues that affect women and children, both in the United States and around the globe," it said in a statement.

Winfrey is one of the richest women in the United States, with Forbes magazine estimating her net worth at \$2.4 billion in 2010.

In May, she pulled the curtain down on her wildly popular talk show -- seen by an estimated 40 million Americans each week -- after 25 years on the air.

Winfrey will be honored at the Governors Awards dinner on November 12, along with veteran actor James Earl Jones and make-up artist Dick Smith, who will each receive Honorary Awards for their contributions to the industry.

Obama turns 50 as gray hairs betray political peril



Jennifer Hudson and Damian Kulash of the band OK Go sing for President Barack Obama during a fund-raiser event coupled with a birthday celebration at the Aragon Ballroom in Chicago, Aug. 3, 2011.

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US President Barack Obama turned 50 Thursday, marking a personal milestone that may offer only brief respite from a moment of political peril and rising threats to his bid for second term.

The president was celebrating hitting the half century mark privately with family and friends at the White House, including his daughter Malia, 13, back from summer camp for her Dad's special day.

"Every day, I see Barack make choices he knows will affect every American family. That's no small task for anyone -- and more proof that he's earning every last one of those gray hairs," First Lady Michelle Obama wrote in an email.

The mail directed recipients to Obama's 2012 campaign website, as part of an effort to rebuild the formidable grass roots operation which helped power him to the White House in 2008.

Obama opened his celebra-

tions in Chicago on Wednesday night, as supporters serenaded him with a chorus of "Happy Birthday" and he let off steam at several political fundraisers.

"I could not have a better early birthday present than spending tonight with all of you," he said, joking that he was expecting an email from a senior citizens group telling him to lobby President Obama over health care for the elderly.

Obama, who has said his crisis-strewn two-and-a-half years in office have left him with bags under the eyes, mulled on the prospect of turning 50 in a recent interview.

"Obviously, I've gotten a little grayer since I took this job but otherwise, I feel pretty good," he told National Public Radio, adding that his wife was helping him get over the hurdle of hitting the half century mark.

"Michelle, you know, says that... she still thinks I'm... cute, you know. And I guess that's -- that's all that matters, isn't it?"

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Cricket: Zimbabwe return with interest after six-year exile



Zimbabwean players celebrating

HARARE (AFP) - Zimbabwe marked their return from a six-year exile by racking up an impressive 264 for two against Bangladesh on the first day of a one-off Test at the Harare Sports Club on Thursday.

All four of Zimbabwe's top batsmen made runs with Hamilton Masakadza finishing the day unbeaten on 88 with seven fours and a six as he closes in on a second Test century.

Masakadza made his first century 10 years ago on his debut at the age of 17, scoring 119 against West Indies on this same ground.

New skipper Brendan Taylor was also undefeated on Thursday, having made a steady 40 off 108 balls.

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Mawoyo made 43 while Vusi Sibanda smashed 78, with seven fours and one six, as the two put on 102 for the first wicket.

"I cannot compliment our guys enough," said Taylor. "The way the openers stuck it out and the platform of Hamilton and myself in the final session was perfect - you cannot ask more than that. Tomorrow we must stay focussed."

After losing the toss, and being put into bat on a greenish wicket by Bangladesh captain Shakib al Hassan, Zimbabwe constructed a foundation for what could be a winning score.

Zimbabwe's batsmen mixed caution with aggression, allowing few chances especially

after a scare in the second over of the day when Sibanda was very nearly run out.

Bangladesh, already defeated by a Zimbabwe XI in a three-day tour match at the weekend, looked shell-shocked by the day's end.

The performance of the Zimbabwe had International Cricket Council chief executive Haroon Lorgat feeling optimistic over the team's future in the five-day game.



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Cricket: Gavaskar slams India's 'schoolboys' team

NEW DELHI (AFP) - Batting great Sunil Gavaskar on Thursday blamed poor technique for India's dismal show in the Test series in England, saying the tourists looked like a "schoolboys team".

"India were totally outplayed by England in the second Test so much so that it looked like a contest between a professional team and a schoolboys team," the former opener wrote in the Hindu newspaper.

"The batting has failed to get to 300 in four innings and the bowling in both Tests has faded away after a bright beginning."

India trail 2-0 in the four-Test series following a 196-

run defeat in the first match at Lord's and a 319-run loss in the second at Trent Bridge.

Drawn games in the last two matches will enable England to dethrone Mahendra Singh Dhoni's Indians as the top-ranked Test team.

"India's lower order is just not technically good enough, and if a player knows he is technically struggling then mentally too he stops fighting," wrote Gavaskar, the first batsman to score 10,000 Test runs.

Rahul Dravid has looked the best Indian batsman on the tour with two hundreds, while Venkatesai Laxman has made two half-centuries and Sachin Tendulkar one.

"The guys scoring the runs are those who have honed their technique on the longer version of the game," Gavaskar wrote.

"Those others who are destroyers of bowling where the ball does not come above the waist are finding how tough Test cricket is."

"There will be talk about preparation etc, but even if this Indian team had played five first-class games before the Test series they would have struggled as the technique is not there."

India played just one warm-up match before the Test series.

The third Test begins at Edgbaston on August 10.

Jamaica's sprinter Powell warns Brits of extreme 'pressure'

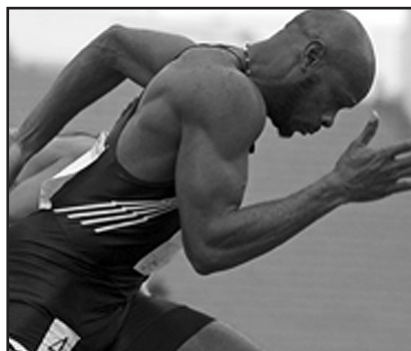
LONDON (AFP) - Jamaica's Asafa Powell believes British athletes will be under "so much pressure" when London hosts next year's Olympic Games they will want to "disappear".

Powell himself has been repeatedly accused of letting the pressure get to him, with the 28-year-old yet to claim a major sprint title despite numerous sub 10-second times for the 100 metres, in which event he will compete in the London Diamond League meeting at Crystal Palace on Friday.

"Having a home crowd, with all the expectations, is too much," said Powell.

As for his own prospects of claiming that elusive major gold medal, Powell said: "Over the years I've been running fast times. I remember in 2005 when I broke the world record but I made a few mistakes and got injured."

"In 2007 I was too confident. I was the fastest person



had run like I should I would have got gold medals at all these championships.

And Powell said that may mean he takes a cautious approach to Friday's race, his last before the World Championships in Daegu, South Korea.

"This is my last race before Daegu," he added.

"It's important to test where you are and make sure everything is working fine, but you still have to be cautious, make the right decisions, decide is it smart to run fast or take it easy."

in that World Championship final but finished third and 9.86 won the final when I was a 9.7 runner. "I've been making a lot of mistakes over the years, too many mistakes. If I

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Klinsmann names top-level squad for US debut



PHILADELPHIA (AFP) - New US national team coach Jurgen Klinsmann called upon a veteran-laden lineup Thursday for his debut next week against Mexico, saying he wants to spark competition for every position.

The former German star, a World Cup and European Championship winner as a player, was named to the post last Friday and will guide the Americans for the first time on Wednesday in Philadelphia against their arch-rivals.

"One of the goals of the roster for this game and moving forward is to create competition at each position," Klinsmann said. "There are many players who are established as well as many players who will get opportunities."

"We want there to be a healthy contest for spots on the

roster. We will get a good look at where each player is as quickly as we can during the short time in camp, and we will finish with an exciting game against Mexico."

The most interesting selection was midfielder Michael Bradley of Borussia Monchengladbach, a US stalwart and the son of fired US coach Bob Bradley, whose departure was announced a week ago on the eve of Klinsmann taking over. Bradley has nine goals in 59 caps.

All-time US scoring leader Landon Donovan of the Los Angeles Galaxy leads the strikers with 46 goals in 146 caps and is the only roster player to have been coached before by Klinsmann, during a 2009 loan to Bayern Munich.

Former Major League Soccer teen prodigy Freddy Adu of Benfica, Edson Buddle of Ingolstadt, DaMarcus Beasley and Puebla and Juan Agudelo of New York Red Bulls were also chosen up front.

Everton's Tim Howard was selected as goalkeeper with Carlos Bocanegra of Saint Etienne and Steve Cherundolo of Hannover the defensive veterans. Cherundolo missed the Gold Cup final loss to Mexico in June with an injury.

The Mexicans own the all-time series lead against the US squad 32-15 with 11 drawn.

Officials to probe A-Rod poker report



New York Yankees third baseman Alex Rodriguez speaks to the media about his rehabilitation progress following a rehab workout yesterday, in Tampa, Fla.

CHICAGO (AFP) - Major League Baseball officials will interview Yankees slugger Alex Rodriguez as they probe an allegation that the third baseman participated in illegal celebrity poker games.

"We take this very seriously

and have been investigating this matter since the initial allegation," Major League Baseball said in a statement Wednesday.

"As part of the investigation, the commissioner's office will interview Mr Rodriguez."

Star Magazine reported last month that several people said they saw Rodriguez playing at one of the games, which are hosted at Hollywood hotels and private residences.

Rodriguez's spokesman has denied that the player participated.

At the time of the magazine report, Major League Baseball officials said they would look into the matter.

The Yankees placed Rodriguez on the disabled list on July 14 after he had surgery on his right knee to repair a torn meniscus.

At the time, the team said he was expected to be sidelined for up to six weeks.

The 36-year-old player is batting .295 with 13 home runs and 52 RBIs this season.

In April, he belted his 22nd career grand slam, overtaking Manny Ramirez for second place on the career list, behind only the 23 of legendary Lou Gehrig.

MLB Standings

American League					National League				
East	W	L	Pct	GB	East	W	L	Pct	GB
BOSTON	66	41	.617	--	PHILADELPHIA	69	39	.639	--
NY YANKEES	65	42	.607	1.0	ATLANTA	63	47	.573	7.0
TAMPA	56	51	.523	10.0	NY METS	55	54	.505	14.5
TORONTO	55	53	.509	11.5	FLORIDA	54	55	.495	15.5
BALTIMORE	42	63	.400	23.0	WASHINGTON	52	56	.481	17.0
Central	W	L	Pct	GB	Central	W	L	Pct	GB
DETROIT	57	51	.528	--	MILWAUKEE	61	49	.555	--
CLEVELAND	54	52	.509	2.0	ST. LOUIS	57	52	.523	3.5
CHICAGO	52	55	.486	4.5	PITTSBURG	54	53	.505	5.5
MINNESOTA	50	58	.463	7.0	CINCINNATI	53	56	.486	7.5
KANSAS	46	62	.426	11.0	CHICAGO	44	65	.404	16.5
West	W	L	Pct	GB	West	W	L	Pct	GB
TEXAS	61	48	.560	--	HOUSTON	36	73	.330	24.5
LA ANGELES	59	50	.541	2.5	SAN FRANCISCO	61	48	.560	--
OAKLAND	49	60	.450	12.0	ARIZONA	60	49	.550	1.0
SEATTLE	46	62	.426	14.5	COLORADO	51	58	.468	10.0
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Revived Ajax out to build on championship triumph



THE HAGUE, The Netherlands (AFP) - The Dutch season gets underway this weekend with Ajax looking to prove that their title triumph in 2010-11 was more than just a flash in the pan.

After several seasons living in the shadows of traditional rivals PSV Eindhoven as well as more recent upstarts AZ Alkmaar and Twente Enschede, the Amsterdam giants finally won their 30th title in May.

The club have sold goalkeeper Maarten Stekelenburg to Roma this summer, and with striker Mounir El Hamdaoui possibly on his way out too, the squad appears weaker this time around.

However, Johan Cruyff is once again pulling many of the strings upstairs, and he is encouraging coach Frank De Boer to focus on developing young players, a policy that has brought Ajax so much

success in the past.

Ajax were beaten by Twente in the Johan Cruyff Shield, the season's traditional curtain-raiser, last weekend.

Despite that, they are still expected to be stronger than last season's runners-up and Cup winners Twente.

The 2010 champions lost coach Michel Preud'homme to Saudi Arabian club Al-Shabab, and have replaced him with Co Adriaanse.

Their squad remains largely the same, but their summer preparations were hit when a roof collapsed at their De Grolsche Veste stadium last month, killing two workers and injuring 16 others.

They will now have to wait several months before reconstruction work at the ground is completed.

PSV, champions five times in the last decade, have retained coach Fred Rutten and will be contenders.

Meanwhile, after finishing 10th last season, Feyenoord will be hoping for a big improvement under newly-appointed coach Ronald Koeman.

They take on city rivals Excelsior in the opening game of the weekend this evening.

Inter coach coy on Sneijder



BEIJING (AFP) - Inter Milan coach Gian Piero Gasperini on Thursday batted away persistent questions about his Dutch midfield star Wesley Sneijder, who is wanted by Manchester United.

The Italian giants play their great rivals AC Milan in the Italian Super Cup on Saturday in Beijing, but speculation about Sneijder is set to overshadow the action on the field.

English press reports have claimed the Dutchman is on the brink of joining United for 35 million euros and wanted to finalise his deal rather than play in China.

But Gasperini laughed off this rumour.

"Whether Sneijder will play or not play is a question I cannot answer right now. He's played many positions

in the past and I'm sure he can find a position on my team," Gasperini said, smiling.

"I think there is a bit of misinformation flying around, in fact a lot," he added.

"I've realised that when it comes to Inter, people exaggerate situations that don't exist.

"I on the other hand have found a very calm atmosphere here.

"It's normal during the transfer window that there are rumours especially revolving around a club like ours which has great players.

"But the truth is that until now there has been no movement (regarding Sneijder) and we're here to play our game, regardless of everything."

Attempting to move on from the Sneijder question, Gasperini called the Super Cup -- his first -- his "most important (match) yet" and played down the stifling heat and humidity in the Chinese capital.

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Roethlisberger civil assault case to stay in Reno

CARSON CITY (AFP) - A civil sexual assault case against Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger will be conducted in Reno, Nevada, the Nevada Supreme Court ruled on Thursday.

A former casino hostess at Harrah's accused Roethlisberger of raping her in his penthouse suite in July 2008, when the NFL star was at Lake Tahoe for a celebrity golf tournament.

Roethlisberger has denied the allegations and the woman never filed a criminal complaint with police.

Lawyers for the two-time Super Bowl champion had sought to move the case to Douglas County, where Harrah's is located.

They argued that Washoe County, where Reno is located, was an improper venue because no defendants live there.

Cards catcher Molina banned over umpire bump

MIAMI (AFP) - St. Louis Cardinals catcher Yadier Molina was suspended for five games on Thursday for repeatedly bumping an umpire in a dispute over a called strike.

Major League Baseball also fined Molina an undisclosed amount for his outburst, during which he also managed to spray some saliva on umpire Rob Drake -- although Molina insisted that was unintentional and he didn't spit on the official.

Molina said he wouldn't appeal the suspension, which was to begin on Thursday when St. Louis play at Florida.

Molina was angered when he was called out on strikes by

Drake in the 10th inning of the Cardinals 8-7, 11-inning victory in Milwaukee on Tuesday.

After Drake ejected Molina from the game, the player continued to bump his chest into Drake and shout.

On Wednesday, a contrite Molina said he regretted his actions.

"I'm not like that," he said. "I'm nice and easy, low-key. I'm not like that. Every time you see that happen, it makes me feel bad right now."

"I don't want to do that. I was caught up in the moment. When you are here in the race, you don't think. That's what happened. ... I didn't think."

"I reacted in a bad way."

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